(d) Yes, Sir. However, this depends on the State Government's acceptance of the conditions for relinquishment of railway land.

Distance between Erode Junction and Ernakulam Junction

1827. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) What is the total distance between the Erode Junction and Ernakulam Junction;

(b) how much funds were allotted for electrification of this line;

(c) out of which, how much has been spent so far;

(d) out of the total work, how much work has since been completed; and

(e) by when the line is likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 312 kms.

(b) An allotment of 16 crores has been made for Electrification of this line during 1993-94 against the estimated cost of Rs. 167.76 crores.

(c) Rs. 7.81 crores upto Nov. 1993.

(d) System designs have been finalised. Tenders for overhead equipment have been opened. Power supply arrangements have been taken up with State Electricity Boards.

(e) March, 1997, subject to availability of resources.

Electrification of Railway Tracks

1828. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of railway-tracks in Northern Railways which are proposed to be electrified;

(b) whether there is any proposal of electrification of Delhi-Amritsar Railway line;

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) (i) Delhi-Ambala-Ludhiana

(ii) Ambala-Saharanpur-Moradabad

(iii) Khurja Jn.-Khurja City

(iv) Hathras Jn.-Hathras Kila

(b) Only Delhi-Ludhiana portion.

(c) Electrification upto Ludhiana is planned for completion by March, 97, subject to availability of resources.

(d) Due to constraint of resources, there is, at present, no proposal to extend electrification beyond Ludhiana to Amritsar.

Allotment of contracts in South Central Railways

1829. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many contracts of various nature have been allotted in South Central Railways and Konkan Railways on nomination without inviting tenders; during the last three years;

(b) what is the value of these tenders, and the names of the contractors; and

(c) the reasons for allotment of these contracts with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.